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July 12, 2010

Mr. Ray Leissner Source Water Protection Branch US EPA Region 6 (6WQSG) 1445 Ross Ave., Suite 1200 Dallas, TX 75202

Re:

Application for Aquifer Exemption Class V Authorization 5X2700062 El Paso Joint Desalinization Facility

Dear Mr. Leissner:

I spoke with Ben Knape of the Underground Injection Control (UIC) program and he asked that I send to you all files related to the El Paso Aquifer Exemption request for your review. Enclosed is the application, amendments, and other correspondence related to the exemption request.

If you have questions about any of the items enclosed, call me at (512) 239-6075. If you will be responding by letter, please include mail code MC233 in the mailing address.

Sincerely,

Bryan S. Smith, Project Manager

Underground Injection Control Permits Team

Radioactive Materials Division

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